

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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Letter of Concern

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Report # I202201

Pat Darras Intermountain Gas Company 400 N 4th St. Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Mr. Darras:

On March 28th and 30th 2022, representatives of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of Title 49, United States Code, conducted a Records Audit in the Boise office.

As a result of the inspection, it appears there are area(s) of concern that do not fully meet the intent of the pipeline safety regulations Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192 for calendar year 2022.

The item(s) listed below are of concern:

1. § 192.756 *Joining plastic pipe by heat fusion; equipment maintenance and calibration.* Each operator must maintain equipment used in joining plastic pipe in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended practices or with written procedures that have been proven by test and experience to produce acceptable joints.

During the inspection IPUC personnel asked how IGC verifies that their contractors are complying with the above code requirement. IGC was unable to present records for verification.

The above mentioned item(s) were brought to the attention of IGC compliance representatives during the inspection. We would request that you review these matter(s) and respond in writing within 30 days regarding the above issue including any planned corrective actions.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact me at (208) 334-0333. All written responses should be addressed to me at: 11311 W Chinden Blvd, Ste 201-A, Boise, Idaho 83714 or you can fax your response to (208) 334-3762.

Because of the good faith that you have exhibited up to this time, we expect that you will take action to bring your program into compliance with pipeline safety regulations.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your effort to promote pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brooks
Pipeline Safety, Program Manager Idaho Public Utility Commission